Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, A number of concerned citizens of the city of Delmont met at the business place of Fred Schnabel on Monday evening, November 23, 1903, for the purpose of organizing a fire department; and,

Whereas, The first meeting was held on November 30, 1903, with the approval of a new constitution, rules, and bylaws, and the election of Paul Misterek as the first chief; and,

Whereas, The need was met for equipment for the protection of the citizens of Delmont with the acquisition of a fire bell in 1907, and a chemical cart in 1932; and,

Whereas, To further protect the city of Delmont and the rural area, the first motorized fire truck was added in 1941, and a rural truck was purchased in November 1946; and,

Whereas, In September 1969, through the generosity of the Delmont citizens, the existing fire station was completed and readied to house the growing needs for more firefighting and lifesaving equipment; and,

Whereas, Two of Delmont's firemen, Eugene Beehler (1974) and Terry Grosz (1975), have been honored by the state of South Dakota with the "Firefighter of the Year" award; and,

Whereas, The dedication and bravery of the Delmont firemen will never go unnoticed with the dedication of a memorial stone with the name of Robert Buhler, who made the ultimate sacrifice protecting lives and property of the Delmont area on March 16, 2000; and,

Whereas, The Delmont Fire Department will celebrate their 100th Anniversary on November 2, 2003:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 2, 2003, as

DELMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-ninth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State